

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1079

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Charles A. Wells, on his selection as 2010 Hawkins County Teacher of the Year for grades 5-8.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Charles A. Wells is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wells has recently been selected 2010 Teacher of the Year at Church Hill Middle School by the Hawkins County Schools system, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Charles Wells received his bachelor's degree from East Tennessee State University in 1984 and has since attended classes at both his alma mater and Lee Canter; and

WHEREAS, originally hired by Hawkins County Schools in 1984, he has served with acumen and alacrity as an 8th grade teacher for social studies at Church Hill Middle School for twenty exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wells actually began his teaching career at Church Hill Middle School in 1984, serving as head football coach in addition to teaching social studies until 1987 when he accepted a similar position at Volunteer High School only to return to Church Hill Middle in 1990; and

WHEREAS, serving as a guide and mentor outside the classroom, he coached football at Church Hill Middle School as a volunteer for ten years and is an active member of his church, serving as a youth worker and volunteer; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Army, Charles A. Wells served from 1972-1975 and was stationed in the Republic of China during 1973-1974; and

WHEREAS, Charles Wells is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wells truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Charles Wells truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Charles A. Wells on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Church Hill Middle School, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.